

Claim 1 calls for a power unit being immovably mounted to a drive unit and a control unit being movably supported on the drive unit using a vibration proof mechanism. The combination of Yamaguchi and Matsuura fails to disclose this feature because both of Yamaguchi's power unit and control unit are immovably mounted to a drive unit and both of Matsuura's power unit and control unit are movably supported on a drive unit.

Yamaguchi discloses a drive unit with a control unit 51 that includes control boards 57a, 57b and an inverter unit 50 that includes inverters 53, 54. As is clear from Fig. 1, for example, the inverter unit 50 is immovably mounted to the drive unit case 10. Yamaguchi only briefly mentions the control unit 51 (col. 5, lines 9-11). However, as is clear from Figs. 1 and 3, the control unit 51 is also immovably mounted to the drive unit case 10. In addition, page 2 of the Office Action identifies Yamaguchi's inverter case 46, top wall 49, and control unit 51 as the control unit of claim 1. As is clear from Figs. 1 and 3, for example, this structure is immovably mounted to the drive unit case 10.

As a result, Yamaguchi fails to disclose a control unit movably supported on a drive unit while a power unit is immovably mounted to the drive unit as called for by claim 1.

Matsuura discloses a motor vehicle where the batteries and the control unit are integrally disposed near the motor (col. 10, lines 64-66). As illustrated in Fig. 9, Matsuura discloses a battery box cover 80 that houses an electronic controller 83 and a motor driver 84a. The battery box cover 80 is a part of the battery support frame 72 that is suspended by a rubber damper 76 to the frame member 6₁ (col. 5, lines 31-35). Both of Matsuura's electronic controller 83 and motor driver 84a are thus movably supported on the drive unit.

As a result, Matsuura fails to disclose a power unit immovably mounted to a drive unit while a control unit is movably supported on the drive unit as called for by claim 1.

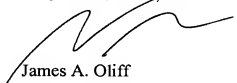
Even if Yamaguchi and Matsuura were combined as suggested in the Office Action (which Applicants do not admit would have been obvious), the combination fails to disclose or suggest all of the features of claim 1. Taken as a whole, even if Matsuura's alleged base and vibration proof mechanism were incorporated into Yamaguchi, then both of Yamaguchi's control unit and power unit would be movably supported.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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